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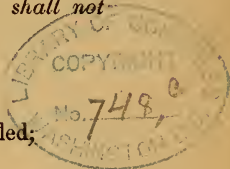
THE HIGHEST CHURCH

AFTER THE APOSTOLIC ORDER.

Holiness to the Lord.

*Wherefore it is contained in the scripture,
Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect,
precious: and he that believeth on him shall not
be confounded. 1 Peter. 2, 6.*

Roll on progressive Stone,
Through time, and space be hurled;
Thy labor just begun,
Is doomed to fill the world.



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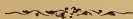
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# PREFACE.



As this is the first work of the author ever before the public, she is well aware of many contending difficulties to surmount, yet seeing the necessity of such a work is fully determined to persevere, hoping some better educated mind, with abler pen, will take up the subject where it is left and carry it unto perfection.

This is calculated to occupy the space between the old sectarian views and the new spiritual extremes. The first having a form of Godliness, but denying the power thereof; ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. The second calling themselves spiritual, have sanctioned the most absurd extremes; some of which will be shown in this work. This is not calculated to form a new sect, but to help elevate those already formed, to take the same relation to churches, as colleges to schools, a universal reforming principle.





# INTRODUCTION.

While commencing this little book there seems to be a hallowed influence exalting the mind, speaking silently of infinitude in all its varied forms; showing definitely that no finite mind can express in language the variety of ways to adore the Great Incomprehensible Power, the source of all power, light, life, love, animation, in fact all that it requires to make and fill a universe. Therefore man with all his studied maxims is incapable of establishing creeds to guide so vast a sea of intellect. Jesus who was *filled* with light and endowed with power did not pretend to write laws but to live them, so men might *see His* example, and profit thereby.

We consider *His* the *only true* way, leading to the best moral system, which if practiced will convey the greatest amount of good to our fellow mortals. "Whatsoever ye do to the least of these, ye do it unto me." The same voice said "I and my Father are one." Consequently whatsoever we do to our fellow mortals, we do to our Heavenly Father. If we use a person ill, in word or deed, we sin against the Creator who *gave* life and soul, to the very one we have injured, thus leaving a dark cloud within our sphere to reflect darkness upon us, and the deeper the darkness the harder for u.

to attain to the true light. If we are shrouded in a dense mist we are unfit for teachers or leaders.

No angelic messengers can ever reach us if thus enveloped in a cloud.

No blessed angel *can* descend,

With love's soft silken cord

To throw sweet influence o'er a friend,

And lead him to his Lord.

Despise the wrong, and do the right,

Let love's bright lurid beam

Disperse the darkness, from the light;

Sing virtues happy theme.

When the Holy Nazarene was upon earth He took great care to fulfill the scripture. He sent his disciples to bring the colt that was tied, on which never man sat, that the scripture might be fulfilled. He also overthrew the tables of the money changers and the seats of them that sold doves. If it behooveth the Son of God to labor to fulfill the writings of the prophets and holy seers, how much more would it become us to follow His example? Should we not be likely to receive more perfect communion by having the sacred hosts of heaven to assist us? Yea, friends, let us work with the righteous.

# A STONE.

Thou wast cut without a hand  
In the vision of Nebuchadnezzar.  
Go, explain from mountain land,  
As seen by Belteshazzar.

“Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

There are many reasons for selecting this title, for this little work. Christ is compared to the chief corner-stone. “To whom coming as a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, ye also as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.” Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, “Behold I lay in Zion a chief corner-stone, elect, precious, and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.” Being commanded while in a vision, to write this book, entitled *A Stone*, I felt it my duty to obey: knowing that God many times chooses the weaker vessels to do His work. Therefore we hail the sons and daughters of earth to arise and throw off their bondage.

Much has been said about freedom, yet there are none free; nor is it possible to become so, only in one way; which is to become willing to do right in all things. What we mean by doing right is to arise in religious and moral capacities to so great perfection, as to need no laws to compel us to act justly toward all, who are permitted to feel our influence, by words, or acts, either directly or indirectly. As long as mankind must be *compelled* to honesty, they are devoid of Christianity.

A true follower of Christ will arise above the law of man. The love of Jehovah written in the soul, ennobles its aspirations and gives it desires to become God-like. Wherever the light of the Holy Spirit rests a spark of Deity is kindling a flame of justice that will enlarge, until the mind is above the level of civil law, formed for selfish purposes.

The great Incomprehensible One has written the law,—Live and let live, so plainly in the book of nature, that no intelligent being *need* mistake His meaning. We do not *expect* man, to be perfect while enveloped in clay, yet when the Infinite has sent a Son to teach His laws, to our finite faculties, if we *do not* heed them, *great* will be our condemnation. We shall endeavor to make plain a few things in which mankind are liable to err, and to explain some of the apparent mysteries found in the word of God. The personality of God, and His Son we believe consists of three divine — not personal — attributes, namely; matter,



life and will. The *will*, the controlling power, which hath shaped all matter, and produced all life, it being the great magnet, that worketh all things into comprehensible forms; the great power, in which we live, and have our being.

So vast is His will, that it moves *all immensity of mind, and matter*. In or out of *Natures Laws*, did He not *make* natures laws? Then can He not control or work *outside of them* if He *wills*?

Does not the teacher give rules for his *pupils* to obey? not himself? or is He to abide by these rules, as if *all* His power was invested in *them*?

Is it natural for the dead to be restored to life?

No; Nature has never done this, but the will of God; through His Son, *has* resurected the dead: He also gave power to those who *believed* upon His name, to walk upon the water, and to cast out devils. I fear that *some* of the *servants* of *nature* have cast more devils *in*, than out.

Yet in love and mercy does He condescend to work with mortals, if they *will* to work with Him.

“Verily, Verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.” St. John 14, 12.

When a person becomes acquainted with the King of Glory, and the true light rests within the soul, he will praise God in a manner that all will know he has received the “white Stone, and in the Stone a new name written which no man knoweth,

saving he that receiveth it." Eternal happiness, do we possess, when we receive this new heart, pure as a "white Stone" with the name of Jesus written upon it. Jesus, who was from the beginning, both God and Saviour. Isa 49, 26. "I the Lord, am thy Saviour, and thy Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob." Did not this same Saviour descend, and take upon himself a form of clay, thus becoming a mortal, that we might recognize the form, through which the immortal spirit spoke; making visible the will-power of God while dwelling in an humble manner, among the inhabitants of the earth. Why could not the Jews, and Gentiles, behold this power while manifested in their *very midst*, from day to day? Because of the hardness of their hearts. Oh! ye blind guides of the present day, are ye not following in the very footsteps of Jew and Gentile, refusing to accept Christ as the *most perfect* demonstration of will power, and holiness, light and wisdom?

Holy, because no unholiness was *ever* manifested in Him, either by word or action. Wise indeed; yea, uncomprehended by the *wisest*. Oh! what light surrounded this holy being, when He arose from the dead and ascended in clouds of light.

His mighty *will*, broke the bands of death,  
He rose *triumphant* from the earth,  
Leaving a wondering world to find  
How *death* was conquered by His mind.

How he *himself* did resurect,  
Body and soul did reconnect,  
Then did ascend the Victor's throne  
To reign, the Mighty Three in One.

His promises with us remain, that He will return to earth again, but Jerusalem and Zion were to be rebuilt *before* His second coming. Psalm 102, 13, 14, "Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion; for the time to favor her, yea, the set time is come.

For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favor the dust thereof." When the Lord shall build up Zion He shall appear in His Glory.

The commencement of this long promised Zion was to be brought about by the works of women. Zech 5, 9-11. "Then lifted up I mine eyes, and looked, and behold, there cometh two women; and the wind was in their wings; (for they had wings like the wings of a stork;) and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heaven. Then said I to the angel that talked with me, Whither do these bear the ephah? And he said unto me, to build it an house in the land of Shinar; and it shall be established, and set there upon her own base.' Zech 5, 7. 'And behold there was lifted up a talent of lead: and this is a woman that sitteth in the midst of the ephah.' Here we find a prophecy, that women should lift up the ephah, that is in the land of Shinar, which appears to be upon this continent. Zech 8, 7, 'Thus saith the Lord of hosts, behold I will save my people, from the east

country, and from the west country.' Jerusalem is in the east, then Zion must be in the west. Isa. 64, 10. Thy holy cities are a wilderness. Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.'

This country was at *that time* a wilderness, and if it does not compare to the land of *Shinar*, which one does? Our resources are of shining gold and silver, and the American intellect a shining light among other nations.

The land of Shinar in the west,  
 Shall not remain a wilderness,  
 Sons and daughters there shall come  
 To raise up Zion's sacred dome.  
 Her ensign set on lofty hill,  
 The holy scriptures to fulfill,  
 That they be called the 'Righteous Trees,'  
 Planted by God, His will to please.

'So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the spirit of the Lord shall lift up the standard against him.' Isa 59, 19.

Let this standard be one of freedom, purity and unity. Free to all denominations of whatever persuasion, not limited, but *broad* as infinitude; allowing all thought to expand to its utmost capacity, thus developing so vast a variety of soul thought, as to create a constant interest; making it impossible not to progress. As each active mind suggests inquisitive and original thought, it will arouse all

other slumbering talent, and the greater demand for knowledge,

The greater will be the supply,  
For the fountains of God  
Will never run dry.

Far better would it be, were all to strive to elevate their immortal souls and live nearer the Immaculate One, instead of wasting their time, and making it their life pursuit, to decorate the perishing clay which will soon be nothing but dust.

Why will the people strive so hard.

To show the weakness of the mind.

Leaving the immortal loveliness

To perish with the wind?

‘Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.’ Let us strive to inherit this promise! What a glorious, beautiful sight, to behold the living God, the Holiest of Holy! A vision which would purify our every thought, and never, never be erased from memory’s pages; we should be walking in heavenly joy while yet dwelling upon the earth. How happy, holy, and blessed we should be!

If woman could only be prevailed upon to lay by the follies of dress, show herself a worthy patron, a beneficent protector of our race, one half the difficulties will be surmounted. By leaving the frivolous, unnecessary fixtures, she will have ample time to study righteousness, spirituality, Christianity, benevolence, in fact all that is important, to bring about the principles essential to a general re-

form. Every good man will appreciate such efforts add his influence, and superiority of strength, together with every particle of inspiration he can attain, for he will at once perceive the philosophy of spiritual excellence. Then how essential that we should admit the sacred influences, they will help us to obtain these required endowments.

## WOMAN.

Woman, thou art but a vapor,  
Gliding over life's dark sea;  
Lighted by a glimmering taper,  
Frail indeed, as frail can be.

Vivid rays of sparkling romance,  
Spring up to allure like day;  
Beauty's flowers come up by chance,  
All, alas, soon fade away.

Heavenly flowers that bloom immortal,  
Far excel the charms of earth;  
When you cross the golden portal,  
There behold what woman's worth!

Zion's daughters clad in splendor,  
Basking with the gods of love;  
Pointing minds, while young and tender,  
Toward those paths that lead above.

Spotted as the autumn forest,  
Varied as the evening hue;  
Changing as the fading iris,  
Are the paths laid out for you.

There in circles of bright glory,  
Around the everlasting throne;  
Angels will listen to your story,  
Woman's worth will there be known.

'The first shall be last, and the last shall be first.'  
I think this beautiful text of scripture must be a source of satisfaction to the fair ones of this world, since it is evident the woman was created last, and has ever since been considered a little behind or below man. Be of good cheer, ladies, you are sure of being first in the golden streets. Make ready to take your place at the head, it will do you no harm, if you begin to make ready for the great change, while you are on earth. We have much to do, for I would have you conduct the affairs of state on quite a different plan from those you have to serve under while your probation lasts. When that blessed time arrives that ye are the stronger power, let it be far from you to depend on those that are below you, or weaker than yourselves, for all the noble graces or pure virtues that exist.

Walk forth before weak men, and set them an example that will make them blush. Do not by them as they have done by you, for they are poor miserable wretches, that know not what they do.

I have often felt ashamed for them, when I have heard of their betraying those whom they should protect. For shame on such exemplars, they are not fit to exist among civilized beings: so make



yourselves ready, for the time will assuredly come, as the above text is true. Show them the reverse of the examples they are setting, for that is the one thing needful. Stand above flattering an innocent unsuspecting young man, till lead from the path of rectitude, he shall cry out; it was they who set the example.

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Woman, Hail! bright, strong and hearty;  
None but a serpent could betray;  
Yet thou canst lead the stronger party  
To Virtue's rich and beauteous way.

Then arise! ye female nations,  
From the bondage you are in,  
Draw these liege Lords of creation,  
From the darkest sinks of sin.

Show these dandies of confusion,  
That our weak ones we'll protect;  
If they make the least intrusion  
Woman's ire they must expect.

Let us guard each female treasure,  
That our Holy God did make;  
And fill to him a bitter measure,  
That dares virtue's laws to break.

Women, ye are all invited,  
Please to take kind wisdoms course.  
Join hands and hearts be all united,  
We shall need no other force.



Come all ye fair creatures, that wish to arise, [skies;  
From the place where Eve left you, to one in the  
The gate is but narrow, the path trodden by few,  
If you'll come to my dwelling, I'll show it to you.

*The Odd Poetry.*

What of the men can we expect,  
If our own sex we won't protect;  
Let us one and all unite  
Against the libertines to fight.

Let us come in virtuous bands,  
To drive these wretches from our lands;  
If men will prove themselves so vile,  
Oh, why should we upon them smile.

When fallen men are all rejected,  
And injured innocence protected;  
Woman will rise from degradation,  
And prove an honor to our nation.

There surely will the power be given,  
From the very highest heaven;  
To repel seductive art,  
If woman only acts her part.

We shall now endeavor to lay before your minds more about gathering stones. See Dan. 2; 34, 35. 'The stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.' Our object is to smite the *image* of Christianity, or in other words, all those 'having the form of Godliness, and

denying the power thereof.' From such, turn thou away; and seek the power of the Spirit!

(We hope we shall find plenty of stones to smite the image with, even ready hearts and willing hands.) Also smite with distrust all those claiming to be spiritual, who are infidel, for they deny that perfect spiritual rock, which was manifested in Christ. He was the same Spirit, that was represented in the original characters, handed to Moses as the word of God. He walked and talked with Adam in the garden. He appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. He appeared to Abraham under the name of Melchisedec, and blessed him, while coming from the slaughter of the Kings; for we read that He was "made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec." (Heb. 6, 20.) also that Melchisedec 'was made like unto the Son of God; abiding a priest continually.' (Heb. 7, 3.)

He again appeared to Moses when he smote the rock, in the wilderness. This was that *spiritual* rock, which brought forth *living water*, for the children of Israel to partake of. He told His disciples, that He was that bread of Life which cometh down from Heaven; yet they could not comprehend Him; because the time had not come for Him to be fully understood. He had not assumed his power in the earth, or in other words He had not become the Head of the Corner. Psal. 118, 22. 'The stone which the builders refused, is become the head stone of the corner. Here again, he is rep-

resented as a stone. And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling, and for a rock of offence, to both the houses of Israel; for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Isa. 8, 14. He declared that, 'many should be snared, and be taken;' yet he bade them to 'Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples' in the same chapter. The spirit prophesied, that He and the children that was given him, should be for signs and wonders in Israel, from the Lord of hosts, which dwelleth in Mount Zion. (See Isa. 8; 15-18.) Now the time having fully come that the prophet Isaiah said should come, is it not time to stop and consider the fulfilling of the scriptures, after so many generations have passed away. Having been told in plain language that 'When they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep and that mutter; should not a people seek unto their God for the living to the dead? To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.' Isa. 8; 19, 20. Now is the very time men are crying out O! O! the wonderful! Go to the medium, you can hear from your beloved ones! This great prophecy is being literally fulfilled every day in our very midst.

Yes, these very mediums will tell you, that Christ was nothing but a medium. Look! O! Look upon the earth! and see what 'darkness, dimness of anguish;' it were better if they should 'fret them-

selves, *curse their leaders*, and then, look up unto their God;’ these people ‘that walk in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.’ (Isa. 9, 2.) Those calling themselves spiritualists have seen the light herein spoken of, they have heard the same spirit of Christ stand at the door and knock, yet they have opened their minds to all other spirits they could possibly think of, consequently they are deceived by their own greedy minds. They seek earthly treasures, instead of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Some have been richly rewarded in *earthly* treasures and fame among a certain class of infidels.

Beware, Oh Beware! the witnesses are at thy doors, even the Recording Angels. Turn Oh, people! turn, before thou art smitten with thine own unbelief, that shall rise up as a testimony against thee! Seek unto the living God! ‘For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.’ (Isa. 9, 6.) The leading idea herein expressed is that Christ the Son, is also the Father, the Prince of Peace, the true and living God; which establishes the fact that He was the Divine Essence of all matter. That He appeared to all nations, in some form is evident. He also came and clothed himself in flesh that He took from the Virgin Mary;

which is no more strange, than that a weak man like Daniel Home can be elongated or have his materialism changed by the power of spirits: which is claimed to be a fact beyond dispute.

If an Angel can change materialism, or take it up and move it as hundreds can testify to having seen chairs, tables, and pianos moved without physical touch; how much more easily could the Divine power clothe itself in any shape. No wonder John said that 'God is able *of these stones* to raise up children.' If people believe not it is because they seek it not by faith, as St. Paul told the Romans in Rom. 9; 32, 33. 'Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law.

For they stumbled at that stumbling stone. As it is written, Behold I lay in Sion a stumbling stone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.' Some have recently stumbled, by trying to explain by philosophy; how Christ wrought his miracles; crying, there is a *natural law* by which it is done. Now we are bold to assert that no such law exists; but rather that all laws in Nature are subject to his will; and that all *substance* in nature is also subject to his will, He being infinite or omnipotent in His power.

We love nature in her physical grandeur just because she is subject to His will, Nature in one sense is endowed with a will. Just as man is endowed to act, under Gods will, so is Nature. Mankind being a part of nature himself; is able to

possess himself of but a small part of her laws.

When men strive to prove that God must be governed by the laws which *finite* minds can discover, they show their weakness of mind, presumptuous audacity, and foolish vanity; comparing themselves to the great soul-power which rules the universe.

We prophecy that they will ere long be smitten down as was King Herod, '*because he gave not God the glory.*' See Acts 13, 23, where you will read that he was smitten by '*the angel of the Lord;*' for they themselves have long admitted that '*the Angels of God ascend and descend; upon the sons of men.*' If this is truth (and who can deny it) and '*the Truth shall make you free;*' why not subject their wills, to the will of God, and be made free: for '*If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.*'

There is indeed a crowning joy,  
A pleasure, pride can never cloy;  
To clasp the glorious truth at last,  
And in your wisdom hold it fast;  
For truth alone will set you right,  
Receive your crown, in worlds of light!

A people worshipping the material part of nature; leaving the *true spiritual rock*, (which is Christ,) have already stumbled. They are not fit to help build up the spiritual kingdom of Zion.

The Lord hath promised that '*the stone shall cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the timber shall answer it* (Hab. 2, 11.) Whomsoever shall

visit Zion shall hear her stones cry out, and see the answer upon her timbers: for she will assuredly be built up, according to the promises of God's Prophets. Though many will disbelieve, yet God is true, who hath said 'Behold, I lay in Zion, for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.' (Isa. 28, 16.) 'For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes: behold I will engrave the graving thereof saith the Lord of Hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

In that day, saith the Lord of Hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbor, under the vine and under the fig tree' (Zech. 3; 9, 10.)

When the real, true church, is set upon the earth, then we shall be in communion with the Heavens daily; the Spirit of the Most High will be with mankind to strengthen their minds; the seven holy angels will visit us; those that have been in the spheres until they are perfect, so that we need not be deceived by spirits. 'Behold the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear: for your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness: none calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they



trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.' Isa. 59: 1-4.

The above shows the precise condition of this country. Many will argue that it has no reference to the present condition or times, yet it is clear to the wise and thoughtful part of humanity. Those called spiritualists think they see the light; indeed we can prove by irrefutable evidence, that spiritualism has facts for its foundation, there is a thread of truth running along its whole course, otherwise it would have exploded by its own combustion.

The indestructible element of truth, has sustained it; yet it forms a cloak, like other religious denominations, for hypocrites to take shelter under; however, it is easy to discern the false element from the true spiritual.

Every man or woman that is heard despising the Saviour or hissing at the Jewish Jehovah is ignorant of the true light of the spirit; not one of them is anything but sounding brass, and a tinkling cymbal. When you hear a person holding forth to an audience that the Jewish Jehovah is a myth or something to be disregarded, spot him or her for a great humbug: or rather a very small animalcule of human form, so insignificant that it will require a very strong microscope to discern any real good in him. We admit he is a little poisonous, with his own venom ere long he will burst, or be eaten up by his own vagaries. Boston is said to be somewhat fertile for those insects. They make a great



noise with their wings, (which are false on close inspection.) Free Religion, with its bright stars, its intellect, its culture, its science, does not embrace, or call for people to make derision of Jesus, and his beautiful followers.

He was the first substantial true light given to mankind. The Jewish Jehovah was the True and living God, the first cause of all life, the extraordinary embodiment of all spiritual substance, called life; the embryo of soul-power, on which all living souls hang for support in the soul-world; without which, the spirits would become extinct, they could not exist. The universe would be void, and darkness would cover all mankind in oblivion.

Only behold! the darkness of those few styling themselves Professors, increasing like a bunch of insects, to be walked upon, and crushed by the first true reformer; being in darkness they do not see where they stand, any more than St. Paul did when he persecuted the true spiritualists of that day, that had the power of the spirit, working with them. We would not be a fault finder even with such Professorships.

It is not their fault, they teach according to what they have received; for they have received according to their seeking. All persons seeking popularity can find it, (that is if they are endowed with common-sense.) They need not seek long.

If they seek riches (which most of them do) they can accumulate earthly treasures; but of what avail

is earthly riches to them if they are left in an uncertain state when they go hence. But says one, I thought you was a spiritualist! So I am in the true sense of the word; but I don't believe a *spirit* is a *Savior* because he may sometimes be allowed to act as a guardian angel.

I know that spirits do communicate, I have both seen and conversed with them in various states; some that had just left their mortal forms, some that had been in the soul-world a number of years, (some of which I knew while here,) others that were glorified beings who had been for ages gone from the material form; and among the rest the 'Son of God,' even Jesus of Nazareth, whom I know to be the only begotten *Son* of the *Living God*. 'For *flesh and blood* hath not revealed it unto me, but my Father which is in heaven.'

I am well aware, that some of our modern progressionists (so called) will cry out against this sentiment, declaring that Jesus is no more the Son of God, than is any mortal man dwelling upon the earth. We would ask all such to read and inwardly digest the fifth chapter of St. Mark's Gospel, from the first to the fifteenth verses, inclusive, where we find that the unclean spirit knew Jesus as he approached, 'and cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus thou *Son* of the *Most High God*? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.'

The name of this unclean spirit is Legion, and

they are still in the earth; obsessing many of our best media, but in the name of the same Jesus, we would bid them Depart! even to the herd of swine, for we have too long been a witness of their arrogance and animality. Jesus as I beheld him was as much superior to all other spirits as the glorious sun is superior to a lightning-bug; nor are these comparisons anything, His unspeakable light is beyond description, or the reach of the finite or natural mind. No mortal mind can possibly behold him until it is endowed for that purpose by his direct will; in other words, clothed by the Spirit of the Infinite, acted upon by the Holy Ghost, which is the Spirit of the Living God; who can as easily control a mortal as to give him natural vision.

You will assuredly be clothed in his light if you only seek in faith, 'for the time is come for Zion to rejoice in her stones, yea the set time.'

Should one of these would be deities, or so called Professors once get a glimpse of the majesty of the Nazarene, they would throw down their assumed laurels and put on the crown of thorns they have been so long preparing.

The prophet Isaiah, hath said: 'Go through, go through the gates; prepare you the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people.

Behold, the Lord hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold thy salvation cometh; behold his reward is

with him, and his work before him.' Isa. 62; 10, 11. Some may say, this does not refer to her, at the present time; we solemnly ask, to whom then does it refer? All that believe the Scriptures are sacred should ponder deeply in their hearts upon the meaning. If the Lord hath spoken through his prophets who shall gainsay him. It is the duty of all, to seek to know the truth. Seek if you would find! I have long been impressed that some one ought to write upon this all important subject; the strong impressions together with some visions of the mind have brought me to the conclusion that I ought to commence and do what little my weak capacity was capable of performing. Perhaps it will awaken some more influential personage to take up the work so plainly laid out for all.

I should be greatly pleased to find co-laborers in the Lord's vineyard. There is plenty of labor for whomsoever the Lord shall choose by instilling into their hearts according to His promises made to John the Revelator, that 'the Bride the Lamb's wife should make herself ready.' 'And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude.' Rev. 19: 6. Here we find a great multitude gathered.

Now the question is, What brought them together? Might it not be that the Lord put it into their hearts to do so? 'For God hath put in their hearts to fulfill his will.' Rev. 17; 17.

God it would seem by the above, does in some instances work directly upon the hearts of men.

Our readers may also learn that the last work of man, preparatory to the second coming of Christ, was; to gather together a society of pure minds that should adopt white robes to worship in.

‘What are these which are arrayed in *white robes*? and whence came they? Rev. 7: 13. ‘And to her was granted, that she should be arrayed in fine linen, *clean* and *white*: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.’ Rev. 19: 8.

It appears that it was earthly beings that was thus arrayed to meet a band of angels or heavenly beings. ‘And the armies *which were* in heaven followed him upon *white horses*, clothed in fine linen, *white* and *clean*.’ Rev. 19: 14. ‘And they shall walk with me in *white*: for they are worthy.

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in *white raiment*,’ Rev. 3: 4, 5. I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and *white raiment*, that thou mayest be clothed Rev. 3; 18. I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in *white raiment*; Rev. 4; 4.

We could produce many more proofs, if we thought it necessary; but ‘a word to the wise is sufficient.’ We know full well, that none but the wise will take heed; yet if we give them all a timely warning no condemnation will fall upon us.

Before we enter extensively upon the subject of the gathering together of a society of pure minds we would make a few remarks upon the second coming of Christ. We would ask our readers

to look at all the testimonies of the four evangelists upon this subject, then of those of John the Revelator. In the first chapter he says 'Behold he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him.'

See also his last testimony in the last chapter. 'Behold I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man, according as his works shall be.' 'He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly: Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.'

If the sayings of Christ are not reliable, pray, on whom can we depend? Were His sayings ever known to fail? If not ponder well all the promises: then make haste to meet him, remembering that not one jot or tittle of his words will pass until all is fulfilled. Bear in mind such sayings as these, 'the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. Rev.' 20; 5.

A long period indeed, to be in the prison house of death. Thus we perceive, that 'The wages of sin is death.' Only think of such pay, who can live upon such wages? Beware! that you are not led astray by Infidelity! It is stalking abroad in the land, crying out that Christ was nothing but a common man, and all these promises are but chaff, that all miracles are nothing. But what can be learned from Nature's laws? The *God of Nature* is a *wonderful chap* in these days. Some go so far as to say that there is no other God, and all is governed by chance. When you hear such base assertions, you can well imagine that they

come from minds that know nothing of the true and living God.

We will now present our readers with some directions (given to us by the spirit) for the gathering together of a society of pure minds; or in other words the gathering together of *stones* which are to form the material of which to build up Zion, the spiritual Temple of our God; for we believe that the Lord hath put it into the heart of the Bride to make herself ready. The time having arrived, that a true Christian Home is needed, some appropriate plan should be decided upon. First: let a suitable number of persons become fully persuaded in their own minds that Christ did lay before us the true principles of happiness, that he taught his disciples the only way to live above all manner of discord, to become as one family, with one interest, thus destroying all lines of distinction. Since our nation is unwilling to be divided by Mason and Dixon's line, would it not be well to destroy a few more distinction lines, such for instance as church divisions; let us take away all the sectarian names; then all political names and titles if you please, then the state lines, so as to become a unit on the Lord's earth, for 'The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein' *Psa. 24; 7-10.* 'Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.' It appears now that those gates and doors have never been



built, or the King of glory would have come in.

The voice of wisdom bids us build a sanctuary to the Lord, 'mighty in battle.' A plan must be set before the mind, before it can comprehend the benefit of organization.

Suppose each town erect a house of worship, with suitable apartments for all who may see fit to join Christ's Church; let their standard be, the two great commandments, to Love the Lord with all their hearts; and their neighbors as themselves, for on these two hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Now if all law hangs on these, why need men spend so much of their time writing out laws, and legislating. But how are people to be governed? asks our readers: We answer, by the Fathers and Mothers of the Church; throw by all needless laws; destroy all needless lines of distinction, dispense with all high dignitaries; become a law to ourselves and be governed only by the 'law of life which is in Christ Jesus.'

Let the great heart of America, declare herself free from all former chains, from all follies, from all distinction of sects or sex, or of color; only let the White remain White; and the Black remain Black, as the Lord of Hosts made them; then strike at the mainspring of our sorrows, and our toils, and hardships, even at 'Mystery, Babylon the Great the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth.' This woman is already drunk with blood. Does the reader inquire, whom she may be? In a



word her name is told, it is '*Fashion*'. 'And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: the merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet; and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, and cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.' Rev. 18; 11-13. Who cannot perceive that when these are gone out of fashion, that the merchants will mourn.

Here we wish to call your particular attention to the fact, that the slaves and souls of men were the last thing to strike at. How slavery will be destroyed is already evident, but Alas! Alas! how many souls of men will be hurried into perdition unprepared, the Lord alone can tell. 'And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.' Rev. 17; 15.

If we are the people referred to in the above, let us hate the whore, until we make her desolate; or in other words, let us rise up against Fashion and destroy her in every possible way.

Let us be united, in something more than a mere name, Alas! how vain are the titles of earth.

Shall men vie with each other? Then let the

strife be to become holy and God-like, doing good unto all alike, striving to elevate the immortal part, instead of decorating the physical forms so much, to our own inconvenience, and to the great disgust of God, and his holy angels. When will men and women understand that striving one with another about dress is one of the most demoralizing acts of mortals. We shall endeavour to show some of its worst forms. In the first place those that consider themselves the *bon-ton* or *upper-ten* spend immense sums for dress and equipage which ought to be given to educate the poor; thereby elevating a class of intellect that would rob society of its burden of rogues and loafers. Secondly, it would instruct the ignorant females and thus shield virtue. But says these *big-bugs* (to use a familiar phrase) What care we for the virtue of these brats of the poor? It would do us no good to help them! Alas! short sighted mortals! Let us take a closer view and see how it will affect them.

What part are they to act in the great drama of life? Only servants you will say. Then if servants, they are to be the almost companions of your children; from these are learned some of their first lessons of evil. Is this all? Would to heaven it were, but, alas, the abominable woman has just begun her work of destruction at your beloved fire-side. Now the first work of the wise ones is to destroy this woman, Fashion, for she shall be destroyed, saith the Lord. The quicker the work is

commenced the better; so let us consider the building of a more perfect institution, where wickedness cannot reign any longer. We will now consider the form and use of a society or gathering together of pure minds. In the first place, that labor may be made light by many hands, the old adage that 'many hands make light work' can be verified for 'in union there is strength.' Secondly: that all may have the advantages of education, the schools will be free; it being one of its principal objects to carry education to its highest possible attainments.

The more learned the mind becomes, the less it enjoys of materiality. The spirit being fed on precious morsels of truth, science becomes its food.

When fashion is no longer an object of ambition all will readily free themselves of her incumbrances. What wise man or woman would wish to slave themselves to take care of needless fixtures if they should thereby gain nothing but disapprobation from those around them? We think from close observation as near as we can estimate, that six or seven hours a day of labor from all the laboring classes would be all that would be needed to support the inhabitants in every *necessity* and in many luxuries. Some claim that four hours would be a sufficient time to spend in work; others that seven would not be too much, including time to take proper care of our persons, rooms, &c, giving all necessary attention to order and cleanliness. Mankind being naturally prone to evil, it is time to

watch our young minds while developing both in school and out, especially children while at play.

The mind being intuitive, they must naturally and properly try its power. Then it should be carefully directed, by nature and pure minds, which is utterly impossible under the present dispensation of things. No parent can follow the wanderings of their offspring, and provide for them, not even the wealthier classes, for the physical as well as the mental faculties are subject to fatigue. Now to remedy these disadvantages some plan must be resorted to, or we fail in a general reformation, which is the principal purpose in reorganizing the higher or union church. If we live in an unselfish family, loving our neighbors as ourselves, we shall be willing they shall have all the advantages we enjoy.

In what form could we collect, so as to provide for all a home of love and happiness?

Let us live in a community form, with suitable buildings to accommodate all, with proper rooms, and with cooking apartments, with eating and with sleeping apartments. Also educational departments, with play and amusement grounds with every convenience for watching the young, while absent from parents. Do you ask who is going to watch them? Have persons appointed purposely by the Fathers and Mothers of the church, whose business it should be, to look to all such concerns. These church parents should be voted in annually, and chosen for their pure principals and goodness, and

not for purposes of fame. Let earthly praise be dispensed with as far as possible. Who would not rather be a watcher in the house of the Lord, than to receive the rewards of weak mortals, or the silly praise of human lips? How long will such praise last? Only a short season; then death will rob you, while the pure watcher will be robed in white and see God, "for the pure in heart shall see God."

There is an abundance of people scattered throughout the nations, who would be made happier by living in a situation where sociability could be enjoyed, so let every person take into consideration the great advantage of living where they can be useful, and enjoy each others society, especially those who have no companions or children. Such would be in daily connection with objects of interest, with every chance to form acquaintances, and thus be able to fulfil the great mission of life with those your social natures demand, without anything to annoy or molest.

One holy marriage being always commendable to all who wish. Celibacy being also commendable, if any wish to devote their whole time to the Master's service. Just here we would say that what is called 'Free Love' (but which should more properly be called 'Free Lust') can find *no admittance* in the pure church of Christ. We admit *Love* as one of the Divine attributes, with all its glory, but *Lust* is quite another thing, not to be sanctioned, *no not for one moment*. Again, all whom Nature

has deprived of the great blessing of becoming parents, can become such, by the *adoption* of little children, for "of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Many have spent a life in solitude and even in sorrow for the want of the society of *kindred minds*, which would be remedied in gathering without a written creed or form, for no mortal is capable of writing a form of worship that would suit every mind. It is a mere absurdity to try, for variety is the beauty of God's work. He who hath created so great a variety of minds and forms, hath a holy purpose in all His doings. The greater the variety the more infinite the happiness derived therefrom.

Infinitude belongs alone to Deity. If men would strive to develop the greatest possible variety of minds from every class of intellect, the human family would have more to interest them.

Their souls would expand by being trained to be liberal in principals, the race would improve, the gifts would be restored, earth become an Eden.

Children would be born more pure, the literal millenium realized, the bridal church established, the Christ Principles return to our aid. Then would the scriptures be fulfilled, men would beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks, and the nations would learn war no more. Thus a Union would be formed the powers of earth could not dissolve, and the desert be made to bloom as a rose. Men could have the advantage of each others strength and intellect to

subdue and replenish the earth. No one would need a slave to wait upon them. All would be provided for, of every color, black, white, red or brown. If the wealthy do not wish at first to give up all their property to become a general fund, let them pay as they would in a private family for board, until they become satisfied of being better off. It is not to be supposed that all who favor the reform should at once move together, but they can show their approbation by giving their names together with such funds as they see fit to give to commence with.

This society is calculated to take the precedence of all other churches, or to take the same place that a college takes to other schools. Any one may join this society without leaving the church he or she belongs to. It is not calculated to destroy, but to help support all pure and holy principles. In it the poor will find a home; the fallen will learn that mortals can reform and be restored if they only repent and adhere to Christian morality, without being judged by their fellow mortals.

Thus fulfilling the scriptures. 'In that day shall the branch of the Lord be beautiful and glorious and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel. And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem: when the Lord shall have washed



away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.' Isa. 4; 2-4. Be not loth to be written as one belonging to God's people; if the Lord is to wash away the filth of the daughters of Zion, who shall dare judge them wrongfully?

'And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people, to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.' Isa. 11; 10.

Where now, my friends is the root of Jesse, that should stand for an ensign? Can you point it out to me? If not, let me point you to it, at Zion and Jerusalem. There let us build the sanctuary of the Lord, and put the ensign of Christ upon it, even the Star of Bethlehem as near as we in our weakness can imitate a star, showing thereby that we intend to follow the example of Him over whom the star of Bethlehem shone, to forgive all outcasts, that are among those who may see fit to come to the ensign of Christianity. What is more absurd than to see a sanctuary dedicated to the Lord with a fish or a cock at the top of its spire. Did Jesus ever crow, that such a sign should crown his sanctuary? If He always set an example of meekness, why not follow Him, or are your works more perfect?

Do the winds and sea obey you? If so receive praise; if not render praise to whom praise is due.

This call is to all, who may understand that the



time hasteneth when there will be no safety except at Zion and Jerusalem. It is not to be expected that all will come to the standard of the Lord.

It was not so promised. 'Go and proclaim these words towards the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the Lord, and I will not keep anger forever.' Jer 3; 12. Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion.' Jer. 3; 14. Some will cry out this is all trash, but the wise will take heed and read carefully. That it was to be commenced by woman we have already shown, yet perhaps it will be as well, to write a few more references. Oh Woman,

Go, tread these crooked paths of honor,  
Do it gently, though 'tis dreary;  
Trace each winding nook and corner,  
'Till you find the cemetery.

There lay down these vain allurements,  
For virtue's bright and sparkling crown;  
None but thy modest endurements,  
Could have won such sweet renown.

'For I heard a voice as of a woman in travail, and the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, that bewaileth herself, that spreadeth her hands, saying,

Woe is me now! for my soul is wearied because of murderers.' Jer. 4; 31. Alas! Alas! I think the voice is heard in every part of this land, but Praise the Lord for your misery will not last always.

Who hath heard such a thing? Who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? 'For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.' Isa. 66; 8.

Perhaps it will be as well to explain what was meant by a prophetic day, for some may not understand that they often spoke of a day, when they meant the prime of one man's life. How often we hear the expression that all must have their day.' Thus a scriptural day did not mean exactly twenty-four hours as our day does, it signified nearly thirty years, more or less. Many of late have supposed that a certain class known as Spiritualists were going to reform the world. They are doing their labor by preparing the great mass of immortal minds yet enveloped in clay to investigate all spirit power, and learn the laws of intuition; to cast by formalities, to place woman on an equal with man in the popular opinion of the world, with equal chance to work in the Master's vineyard.

No true church can ever exist without seers and prophets, nor can a spiritual church ever stand outside of Christianity. When a person leaves Christ and his teachings, they leave their strength and foundation. Their principles soon crumble to

naught, and become a subject of derision.

When I hear a person say, I believe in spirit communications but do not believe in Christ, I think his table has become a snare and a trap, and a stumbling block,. 'And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumbling block and a recompense unto them: Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back always. I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy. Now if they fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fullness?' Rom. 11; 9-12.

Now it appears as if the above quotation had express reference to the spirit rapper seers, table tippers, &c., for their eyes have been darkened, and they have been diminished in the eyes of many, and their tables have been a recompense, and a snare. It also appears they have aroused the Gentile churches to jealousy.

From some of the above proofs we may well suppose that these spirit mediums are instruments in the hands of the King of glory to bring about the great reform; for among them we find some of our best scholars, also the best intellects, to say nothing of their great generous hearts, full of human kindness; bringing them in, even to Mount Ephraim. The vail will soon be withdrawn, and

their eyes opened. 'For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?' Rom. 11; 16. Let all that wish come, of whatsoever persuasion. 'I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. And the spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst Come. And whosoever will, let him take the waters of life freely.' Rev. 22; 16, 17. Come to the Bridal-Church, and help to make ready the bride: or in other words, prepare to be wedded to the principles of Christ; not only to preach Christ, but to live up to his precepts, as far as in you lies, be so near perfect as to need no compulsion to do right. Help to cast off the galling chains of fashion and mammon, become free, live natural lives, help to establish a home of rest, where the mind can take its proper sphere and not be forever chained down by the care of material things. Just so long as men live by crowding one another, by making stringent laws of their own invention instead of obeying God's laws and spend two thirds of their time in decorating their earthly forms which will soon be cast to the mould, sorrow will build her temples in the midst of our habitations. But just as soon as ye strive to clothe the intellect, in garments of holiness and purity and give yourselves time to use

the talents you are endowed with, then will shine forth the true light of improvement, the electric spark will break the clouds. Deity will work with you as soon as you adopt the God-principles, *to do good to all*. Herein lieth the great secret of working miracles; So long as you work for selfishness, it is like rowing a boat up against a strong current which constantly carries you down the stream, for God is no respecter of persons. If he sees you working against the interest of his little ones, all of whom he hath created, he will work against you. He told Peter, to "feed his Lambs," which did not mean to cheat them if he could by taking the advantage of them because they are weak.

Again he said "Whatsoever ye do unto the least of these, ye do it unto me." Men in their blindness do not comprehend how they are doing evil to God by doing it to what they term a silly neighbor. But saith one, this is only *Christ's* teachings.

It could not have been God, for Christ was the son of Mary; he must have been *human*. Well suppose he was, is it a thing impossible for God to speak through mortal lips. Beware how you decide so in your weakness? Go, learn some of the laws of nature. Recently men have learned to magnetize a fellow mortal and make him speak his own will. Now if one man can control another who is but *finite*, how much easier for the Infinite to speak through whomsoever he sees fit to use, especially through his own son, created and chosen for that purpose.

## A VISION OF CHRIST.

I saw a face beam like the sun,  
When shining through a cloud;  
I heard a voice calling me,  
Distinctly call aloud.

"The Spirit and the Bride say, Come."

I answered to the call.  
Then, O, the love that filled my soul;  
It could not hold it all.

I started forth, from my repose,  
Like one that's born anew.

I saw God's work in every rose,  
In every drop of dew.

I saw his handiwork below,  
Refulgent with his love.

I said, I'm ready now to go  
And dwell with him above.

I loved my foes, I loved my friends,  
And all upon God's land,  
Because he had created them  
The work of his own hands.

I saw his purposes were good,  
Whatever he had done,  
Who has redeemed us all with blood  
Shed by his lovely Son.

I would now advance a few ideas concerning the  
life substance that pervades all space. There is



life in the air which imparts strength to us when we breathe. Again there is life in the water and in every kind of food that nourishes us. Now, what is this refined substance that the natural eye cannot see, nor the ear hear, and yet which we know exists; for we feel the strength that it gives us. Perhaps you would call it electricity, or od-force, we care not what name you give it; it is a subtle fluid that exists, and hath its origin somewhere. It seems to be subject to a higher power, that of will, for we can perceive that it yields to the will in motion, even to the simple movement of the hand, and all strength is made of it. How much of this life substance is subject to the control of mortals is yet to be decided, when men learn to unite it by their wills with the will of the Great Infinite; the great fault being at present that each one is trying to control it alone, so as to attain to human glory, instead of being willing to give God the glory for the little amount of electric strength he has lent them. For we verily believe it is nothing more nor less than an emanation from God that is fully subject to his will.

If he pleases he can move this mundane sphere as easy as you can move a hand. Just let us reason a little. If we have strength, there must be a fountain from which it emanates, or we should soon use it all up: so indeed must our weak wills be fed from a higher will. Nor is it strange we cannot comprehend it. How can the finite comprehend

the Infinite inasmuch as we are but a small spark of the great electric fountain of fire, or of light and love. If we love the main fountain we must love each spark that it is composed of, and if we work with the strength of the fountain we must also go by the laws that govern it, which is for the benefit of each separate spark, or in other words for every individual that belongs to the great fountain of immortal life. For if God is immortal and eternal then we must be, for "in Him we live and move and have our being." Now if this pure substance of life is an emanation as we suppose from Deity, it is incapable of being used but once over.

When we accumulate strength sufficient to perform an act or even execute a thought, it takes its shape in this refined substance to show that it has been used, thus making an accurate record of every ones life. So when the vail of clay is cast off, and the spirit set free its record may be read, being plainly written by its own will. How will the unjust enjoy it, to have the most secret things of their lives, seen and understood? Is it a wonder that Christ said, 'If they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears they would be converted.'

A question arises, when the laws of justice are written so plainly upon the understanding, why do we transgress? Again when God sent His own Son, to show in whose name these mighty works should be performed. Why do men try to do them in their own names? Jesus of Nazareth sent



forth his disciples to work in his name. While they adhered strictly to what he taught them, they went forth conquering and to conquer, but before the generation passed away they began to transgress. See what John the Revelator said to the churches; the angel spirit found fault in all but one of them at that early period, and they have been growing worse ever since, until the Devil is raging with double fury, knowing he hath but little time to stay. Look, I beseech you at the great wickedness being perpetrated in our own country, without taking a view of the old world.

Repent! Repent! for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand; for, Lo, Christ hath stood at the door and knocked, and you have opened unto many other spirits, but not unto Christ. I think it is time to open unto him, perhaps he will come in and sup with us. Again, 'where two or three are gathered together in his name' he has promised *to be in the midst*. Let us try for the right and true way.

The author of this has for a long time been in the full belief that if a few persons would assemble themselves together in some chosen retreat, there to seek in the name of Christ for the influx of spirit from Him, opening their minds to Him and His holy teachings, and to no other spirit, there holding circles, using the power of magnetism, all agreeing upon one question, not allowing anything else to occupy their thoughts, nor any of them trying to excel their companions in anything except

in real goodness, not willing to receive praise from mortal minds, but giving all the glory to the Creator, they would soon be wrought upon by the Divine Will, so as to be able to perform the same kind of miraculous works that the apostles of Christ did, and greater. I think that the same laws that the apostles were governed by would have the same effect now if applied in the same way. It is not to be expected that once or twice sitting would accomplish much, but to continue until the questions received satisfactory answers. See Matt. 18; 19, where Jesus says 'Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth, as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.' Now this passage carries the express idea, that God the Father would work direct with men, if they would agree as touching one thing. It does not include every thing at a time, all in a mass of confusion, only one thing, and that in the full belief that the Father would work with them. I believe that the Infinite will does work direct with the finite, when the application is made right. This is not a mere guess-work supposition, for I speak from actual knowledge. I confess it because it is a solemn truth that in a few instances I have witnessed a power that I knew could not have been the emanation of the human mind. I have seen with Paul '*things unspeakable*' in language. Do not suppose that every one can step into a condition at first to

know these things. The surroundings must be right, the motives pure, the system in a proper condition, and most of all, the faith must be strong, and they must be united there in many particulars to learn, such as how to prepare both mentally and physically. Time is also much needed to prepare the spiritual mind for proper development.

As soon as this mind becomes pure, the angelic messengers will come in and lay the foundation of a more perfect work. Then awake! ye pure workers, from every kingdom under heaven. This most perfect institution is designed to help every people, to destroy the iniquities now so rife in all the inhabited earth. This call is to all, of whatever sect or denomination, to Jews in particular. O, lift up your heads all down-trodden Israel!

Your fore-fathers sang of this New Zion! Your children have waited for the 'set-time,' or in other words for 'the fullness of time.' Come clergymen of every church now in existence! Look closely into these ideas, send in your strongest aid, open the minds of your congregations, even all that come under your admonitions. We do not ask to have you part with your flocks, but to add to their already exalted privileges a still higher order, a place where your innocent offspring can be educated without being destroyed by the foolish generations now upon God's footstool. Come to a deep consideration, let into your hearers understanding every true spiritual thought, every gift that Christ said

should follow them that believe. If you stand dormant any longer to let the enemy take away all the deep spiritual minds, your churches will be all forms with no reality, "having the form of Godliness, but denying the power thereof." Oh! Oh! will you stand still and let Infidelity steal the best lambs of your flocks. Look! Look ye! be wise, Antichrist is peeping in on every side. Your crimson curtains and stained glass will not hide your little ones. A mighty effort must be made; all pure Christian spiritual minds must be united or there will be more tares than wheat at the harvest.

Come all true spiritual workers, all liberalists who have lacked independence of character sufficient to face Madam Grundy, or the popular opinion of the world, you have tied up your very soul-powers in a handkerchief of smooth infidelity. They tell you that all God's sacred workers were ignorant, that the Scriptures should be laid by, when in reality they should be better understood and their spiritual significance explained by real inspired teachers. Prophetic seers should be at once admitted into every denomination. The Holy Ghost should be the light of the great Union Church or New Zion that travaileth to be delivered from sin.

In one day she shall be free for the Lord of Hosts hath declared it through all his prophets.

The scriptures must be fulfilled. "If he called them gods unto whom the word of God came, *and the scriptures cannot be broken.*" St John 10; 35.

Now if Christ's works are true, come and help fulfill them. Most, if not all the influential churches raised their hands with holy horror, when the spiritual phenomena made its appearance, instead of which they should have investigated it thoroughly, then opened their societies to every fact established, admitting every ray of light from the inner land. John the Divine told those to whom he wrote to "Try the Spirits whether they are of God" saying "Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, is not of God. And this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world" Now if there are no spirits, why did John tell his followers to try them. All the sects have made an oversight, or great mistake which ought to be immediately rectified. By denying those that believe in spirit communion the full fellowship of their churches, they open the door to Infidelity, which will ultimate in immorality, thus destroying the little spark of Virtue left. Shall the great heart of America yield to licentiousness by allowing Libertines to lead under glowing Banners' calculated to lead young minds astray?

The young, the innocent, the gay,  
Fall first the spoiler's prey;  
Evil spirits lay their snares,  
To lead young minds away.

Fathers and Mothers, look to this, Brothers and Sisters, also gray headed Sires, we conjure you by all the power of love, to give your last gleam of strength to rebuke this monster that is likely to sap the very foundations of virtue, leaving the rising generation void of all that makes life dear.

Instead of diminishing virtue it should be strengthened. Children should be kept in a pure state untill fully matured. They should not be allowed to read the low defiled matter in our public prints. Almost every newspaper contains more or less that is not fit for children to read. For people to suffer such publications to exist shows plainly they are deficient in morality to say nothing of Christianity. We see no way for even a remnant of pure minds to be sustained unless we build up Temples of Purity wherein to educate our young without having to pay such *fearful prices*.

When a child is once polluted there is no restoration. Quacks may tell you that 'Manhood can be restored,' but believe them not, for it is utterly false, only a pretension to rob you of innocence.

We are now ready to receive friends of every description, all that see the importance of such a work are invited to send in their mite, all Churches are invited to take up subscriptions for this purpose. Instead of sending to a foreign heathen people, let charity begin at home. We have already received several names, with some funds, also my noble Husband has opened his generous



heart, and given a beautiful site for a beginning.

He has given a nice plot of land that is on high and handsome ground, with the center a little the highest. It commands a splendid view of a lovely landscape. Standing upon the center it overlooks some twenty miles of romantic scenery. It is worth more than a thousand dollars as it now is without any improvements. Whoever sends in will be noticed in our public prints according to their gifts.

All small funds will be carefully recorded, to show who are the first founders of the 'highest of high gatherings.' Oh! Oh! Jerusalem follow our example. We hope all Philanthropists will look at these works before bestowing their wealth for foolish purposes. All Millionaires who wish to do the greatest amount of good to their fellow mortals, thereby becoming God-like by doing the will of God on earth, all wealthy Maidens who would lay up treasures in Heaven by good works, and all good hearted Bachelors, who have suffered from a lonely life, or for the want of a virtuous woman whose price is far above rubies, send or bring in at once. If you cannot help the past, you can aid the rising generation. Fathers and Mothers who view the dangers your offspring will fall into, place them at once under the care of the Watchers on Zion's Battlements. Come all True Moral Reformers, and adopt our motto which is 'Holiness to the Lord.' Such as have no gifts, adopt our motto and forward your names.

The author does not expect to spend any of the accumulated funds except what is required in publishing the work. All the rest will be put at interest until the members shall vote as to when and where it can be spent to do the greatest amount of good. If they should choose some other locality the funds will be at the command of the majority of members who will all be informed in time to decide. We have several names already of people of high standing and wealth who sanction the undertaking. One learned Judge says he gives his name and aid on account of the liberality of the institution, it being on so broad a platform, taking men of every profession, not requiring any written laws. Only the strictest laws of morality are enjoined upon its members. No one is required to leave any religious society who may wish to help build up this Holy Institution, as it is only going higher in every virtue: trying to eradicate the fashionable evils of the day; then to establish religious and spiritual union, so people may have a chance to investigate deeper into the laws of developments, allowing the natural intuition of thoughts to expand into all the variety of beautiful forms. being indeed a real living example of God through his works even *man*. "In him ye live and have a being" said the man Jesus.

Now if we live in him and he in us we may as well be doing the Father's works; for he doeth good unto all. He said but if I do not the works of the



Father believe me not. John 10; 37, 38. In the same chapter Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, I said ye are Gods? If he called them Gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken." If we are called Gods why not try a little harder to do his work. If the scripture cannot be broken, will it not hasten the millennium, or a higher condition of religious delights where souls can be fed with spiritual food. Or is there no joy in holding communion with the Angels? My friend may say he does not believe in spirits coming back to communicate. Why my dear Brother, that is the very kind of disbelief that keeps them from coming to you. If you do not admit them to your presence some other one will, and leave you in your ignorance. For "Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles; to take out of them a people for his name. And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof; and I will set it up: that the residue of men might seek after the Lord and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things." Acts 15; 14—17.

If the words of Jesus are good and true [as I really believe them to be] these scriptures must be fulfilled. He says all the Gentiles upon whom my name is called. Let us look to see which of

the Gentile churches does not call upon the name of the Lord Jesus. Now if they all call they should all respond to help fulfill his holy scripture, and help build up the tabernacle of David. Jesus did not call upon the churches under the title of Catholic or Episcopalian, or Methodist, or any other sectarian name, but upon all that call upon his name. So we come at once to the conclusion that God is an impartial God, a real omnipotent and omnipresent being, that takes cognizance of all his creatures alike. If he ever sent his Angels to men, he will send them to you if you make yourself just as deserving as the prophets of old were. They gave their undivided attention to his work, they sought to know his holy will in all things. Instead of which nowadays they seek to see how they can cheat some of God's poor creatures or how they can become wealthy without the least consideration who they caused to suffer by it. Some do not cheat their neighbors but themselves by serving mammon continually, not stopping to think long enough to know what they do believe. They trust altogether to their Pastor to think for them.

They think if a man preaches he must assuredly be right. If he is ever so much of a gump they fall in with him. Especially if he dresses very nice and drives a slick horse he can be exalted in their minds to do all their praying for them.

I would not like to hazard my future by trusting to any man's ideas, nor do I wish any one to

trust to mine but let every one investigate into the spiritual according as his capacity will admit after giving himself a proper opportunity: taking the precious moments God has given him or her to become acquainted with the Creator and his Angelic messengers or guardian spirits which attend every mortal and will manifest if permitted to by the seekers. There are certain laws to comply with to bring to our aid those that have passed beyond the veil. These laws were all understood by the apostles of Jesus and could be by us if we give our selves proper time to study them. I have learned certain rules about how the miracles was wrought which I am willing to give to those that are ready to receive them, for they must come forth to the world before long.

This little book can't explain but a small part of the ideas touched upon. It requires a deal more time and an abler pen to carry out the design of this work. Had I the talents of some of our modern thinkers or writers such as Professor Brittan or the noble minded P. B. Randolph to whom when the distributing angel went about giving talents unto men was bestowed more than a double share upon Randolph, *then* those brought forth more than an hundred fold, as any one can see by reading his deep and sensible work. All who have not seen his books would do well to peruse them, they pay well for the time spent with them.

There are many of our modern writers who are

alive to most of these facts although some calling themselves spiritual are trying to destroy the scripture because they do not understand them. Still they are fulfilling them in spite of themselves.

They have helped to manifest antichrist whom the book said should come and now already is in the world. The spirit of antichrist is showing its influence in all directions. If the eyes of the clergy do not unseal to the power of this prince of darkness and unite to overthrow his secret tabernacles he will enter silently into their sanctuaries and steal away all the main forces of their sacred societies before they are aware of his wily acts.

He will do more mischief than they will be able to repair while their probation lasts.

I hear a voice, O hark!

All infidels are in the dark;

Their words are very smooth and nice,

Being inspired by Antichrist.

It's just as well to let them be,

Their eyes are scaled, they cannot see;

They're being used just for a tool,

Of Antichrist, old silly fool.

A lady speaker says when we learn what life is, when we see within the circle of its beautiful truths that whatsoever is, has a blessing for us we shall find that what we call death is only a change in our development, the throwing off from the spirit of this cumbersome mantle of dust. And so life

teaches that man lives forever! But can it demonstrate this? From time to time proofs have been given you, and at this time we will not multiply them, but we only refer you to that beautiful law of spirit seeing. Now many learned men will tell that they believe in clairvoyance and spiritual sight seeing. It is remarkable that they can believe so much, and not any more; but in saying so much do they not acknowledge indirectly still more that is unknown? What is clairvoyance? The vision of the human soul. What is it in man that sees or hears? It is not the man physical. It is not the ear that hears, for then the man entranced could hear what is going on around him, when he is notoriously oblivious to such things. What is it that sees when the eyes are tightly bandaged? It is the spiritual vision of man; and the man who dies has this spiritual vision open so that he may see what is going on around him, though unseen to his mortal eye. It is "the power behind the throne," mightier than the throne itself, that sees and understands; It is this power behind the material man which sees or hears independently of the use of physical organs. Now if a man sees independently of the body we ask, what is it that sees? and the answer naturally comes—It is the spirit the inner man that gives evidence that it sees.

There are some most remarkable manifestations produced in the presence of some of our modern mediums. Most wonderful manifestations of skill



and direct sight are given in perfect darkness as many can testify. Now whence this power, this understanding of things passed and gone only by demonstrations of the departed dead or by the Angelic messengers sent expressly for the purpose.

If we admit so much we may as well admit a little more, even that God has sent back some messengers of love to prepare us for the spiritual condition that our mundane sphere is fast approaching.

Yea the earth is becoming spiritualized very fast.

Some may doubt but the wise ones will take warning. The dead are already arising and have shown themselves to many in their spiritual robes.

There is also a demonstration of the material bodies being restored. As I am informed by good authority there is a luminous substance arising from the graves at Mystic in Conn. In a valley this luminous substance is in human shape and can be seen or partly so by any who have the courage and will take the pains to go and see for themselves.

We do not suppose this substance to be anything but the phosphorus that is emanating from the decaying bones together with the electric or adhesive qualities of the decaying matter confined for a while to the grave, then arises to be taken by its former owner to clothe the spirit, to make it more tangible or so it can show itself to the inhabitants of earth preparatory to a general resurrection.

Those sights at Mystic and some other places can be seen the plainest in a dark foggy time, the

darker the better, This may explain the mysteries of ignis fatuus or jack of the lantern which so many have been deceived by and some have tried to follow through swamps and deep ravines.

Perhaps the spirit owners had already got possession of their own risen materiality and showed themselves to prepare the minds of their friends, for all returning spirits seem to be interested in those they loved while on earth.

We conclude from close investigation, that all true love and friendship, together with every virtue, is eternally written in the elements of life so plain that all will be easily understood in the hereafter. Love cannot die. We have digressed somewhat from our subject, but will return again for there is a genuine religion that cannot exist without faith, for by faith the Master's work is made manifest. We fear that some of the ministers of Christ Jesus do not work by faith nowadays, for many of them say that all miracles are done away, that we have no need of any manifestations from the spiritual. Yet their church members keep leaving and go to be convinced of the immortal life to the mediums or to spiritual circles and they will continue to do so until you admit the very work that Christ did unto your churches.

Do you not know that the very word Christ does itself imply the miraculous, the anointing of the spirit, the intervention of angels, and the dispensation of the fullness of times? A gospel which

disowns inspiration and which denies the prophets, what is that as good news? Good news nowhere, what is that? A gospel of earthly origin, that is a contradiction in terms. Ministers of Jesus Christ, it is no gospel for you to be preaching. Why the very Jesus that you profess to follow told His followers that these signs shall follow them that believe. You must either admit the miracles and the power of the Holy Ghost, or own that you are hypocrites, only pretending to be Christ's followers instead of being true Christians. Do you not see that your church is about to crumble into insignificance? That your members are going off into the very quagmires and cesspools of infidelity?

People with common sense will not be fed on chaff any longer. If you have no Holy Ghost to convey by the laying on of hands, there is something wanting to make you a true Minister of Jesus. For His followers had power to heal the sick and to convey the spirit by laying on hands, also all the spiritual gifts. It is time for you to go into practical work, or loose your flock, who will go where they can be fed by something more substantial. Hundreds of intelligent persons are already fed by the living water of the spirit. If you cry out such a vulgar belief as to believe in ghosts: so was Christianity a vulgar belief to the ancient Jews and the Scribes and Pharisees. They called Jesus vulgar and put him to death yet his works lived and flourished for many years, while



his disciples went forth conquering and to conquer.

But when the true church was swallowed up by Romanism and charity was no longer known among men, the sick ceased to be cured, the dead to make themselves manifest, then the church lost its power to baptise in the name of the Lord. Then the Romans assumed power of their own and pretended to belong to St. Peter's See, but they can't show you the time of their connecting themselves to the apostolic church. We have tried for years to find the connecting link between the Catholic and Apostolic churches, but in vain the search has been. We have employed several learned divines and D. D's to search for us but they can't connect into five hundred years. The last of the true followers was in the days of one Polycarp who lived about five hundred years after Christ's time. He did several miracles, such as healing the sick and raising the dead, which is the last trace of the apostolic succession to be found on record. Now if they have no authority from God what use to be baptised by them. Then if the catholic authority is good why in the name of common sense do not people go to the Catholic Priests for baptism.

They must be nearer right than those that have fallen off, or not right at all. We do not like the idea of men using authority that does not belong to them. Such stolen power will only be rewarded by iniquity. Oh! Oh! look to these things and not follow the masses any longer, but seek the true

spiritual baptism which you can have if your faith is right and your heart honest. You may be baptised with fire and the Holy Ghost, just as well as to accept those vain delusions that have been handed down from generation to generation, which is nothing more nor less than a false tradition of our fore-fathers. John the Baptist told his followers "that he baptised unto repentance, but there cometh one after me that shall baptise you with fire and the Holy Ghost." Now men, women and brethern seek for the living fire and the Holy Spirit will enlighten you on these all-important subjects. You say you do not believe, neither did the wicked Jews. I tell you once more this is the very kind of disbelief that shuts up your understanding and keeps you in the dark. I herein bear you living witness that I have been enlightened by the Holy Spirit, and will here tell you how you can know when the spirit comes upon you. You will see through materiality, you will be in one place and know what is going on in another place. I have seen the time when this immortal light was so strong upon me that I could sit in my room and see plain enough to read the inscription upon an envelope at the post office that was four miles away, or I could see what was passing in the minds of those around me. Do not suppose that I intend to carry the idea that a person can remain long at a time in such a state.

It is the falling of the Holy Spirit upon one

that gives these sights, it is a foretaste of immortality. It would be impossible to always remain in the immortal light for it is the spirit of God that is upon us at those times. If it remained long we should be translated as was Enoch or Elijah.

Now, friend do not say in your heart that such things are impossible, there is much more in these spirit lights than many understand, yet they are growing plainer all the time. For we are approaching a new spiritual era. When a person sees by the spirit they see at times within the spiritual world. These visions prepare the spirit for the immortal change. Death is no longer a dread to me. I sometimes feel anxious to go to those beautiful realms that have been shown me so many times. People would see such things much oftener if they would labor less and ponder more. for as Christ said no one can serve God and mammon.

‘So choose ye whom you will serve’. If you seek deep your minds will unfold, your thoughts will multiply, knowledge will come to you independent of books or the traditions of others. You will be compensated by the view of the angels, you will have permission of the merciful God to lay down your cross and trials, then be borne towards the living Son of God the true sun of indestructible joys. Loving thoughts and noble deeds will spring up before you, a new heaven and a new earth, will loom up before your adventurous spirit that has

been fed by the comforter that was to come.

Unspeakable delights are held in store for the righteous. You will be borne along until a boundless eternity will expand before your fleeting gaze.

After becoming conscious that the highway of holiness can be built upon earth, you will be willing to enter this broad field of progression leading to the higher spheres of divine grandeur and everlasting peace.

If you should fail in your searches after the spiritual light you may be sure you have not sought aright. After directly and indirectly laying your case before the invisible Judge if you still fail it may be well to seek council of those that are in advance of you, but do not be discouraged or easily frightened. For when you have sought sorrowing as long as the Author of this Stone did; or in much less time you will be convinced or enlightened by the true spirit of God, for He is no respecter of persons, although it seems at times as if He was.

My dear reader, I sought ten long years secretly day and night in every available way possible, to learn whether there really existed a power outside man that ever would manifest itself in any possible way to mortals, or whether all the world was deluded and man was like a mushroom or some plant springing from nature, or from nature's God that we read and hear so much about from a certain class of naturalists who have fallen a little short of the realized light.

Many have taken up with a few simple communications from their departed friends, or from some spirit that ought to be commanded to depart. For all such I feel a strong friendship, for I once stood right upon the same ground they do. Yes, dear ones, with charity I can embrace you so long as you think you are right. But beware, beware, I found that I was wrong, I found that the pure in heart could see God and his holy angels. I am now willing to instruct you as far as lieth in my power. I will hold correspondence as I said before or will answer calls to lecture on these subjects herein contained. Arise, arise, all ye that wish to be faithful and investigate as closely as possible. Come and learn how to obtain the true light as far as I ought to impart even by command. To all such I would say my experience has given me ample time to investigate and learn to my own satisfaction that there is a mighty will that controll's nature's God.

Having once been a worshiper of nature I feel competent to sympathize with others, especially those who wish to progress, for 'onward and upward' should be the course of all until they know the Supreme God; for it is promised that all will know the Lord from the least to the greatest.

I purpose to answer calls to Lecture upon all the subjects touched upon in this little book, also all kindred subjects. Evidently all the wise ones will inform themselves as fast as practicable, women as well as men, for womanliness as well as

manliness is coming up bye and bye. We are going to have universal justice, and then we may hope for universal happiness. Look, oh fair sons and daughters of Zion to see where the stones are to be gathered from, for humanity is marching onward and every representation of progress must be made manifest. We must have a sacred retreat somewhere where our children can receive liberal education, also a home for the weary of both sexes, where they can retire where their garnered glories of the years that have sped away can shine forth under a firmament of light and peace. Where every virtue will be recognized that characterised them. The forces of such a combination are required for general development and protection against the unfavorable conditions of the nineteenth century. The great responsibilities resting upon all those who profess to teach almost paralyzes the aspirants. For they know so many faults are to be overcome, so many evidences of evil to be destroyed or hid from the institution, it seems next to impossible. But God is able to bring about this Herculean task. The regeneration of His numerous people is but a short work when union is strong between God and men. Suddenly the vitalizing of immortal light will shine into our camp. The protecting angels will be with us with an innumerable host, as showed themselves to the servant Elisha when the Syrian army was gathered at Dothan, when Elisha prayed, and said Lord I

pray thee open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw: and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. Angels of the Lord encamp about them that fear him.

Now may the angels open the eyes of the people of earth that they may no longer be selfish but help to build up a spiritual Priesthood and a sanctuary acceptable to God and his true followers, where their thoughts may be directed to goodness and grandeur and holiness to the Lord until the end.

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## MY I'S.

I wish you all to understand  
I wrote this book at God's command,  
I scorn no poor, no rich I fear,  
I expect no crown of laurels here,  
I live a plain unpretending life,  
I am nothing but a farmers wife,  
I throw this stone to every one,  
I know my labor is almost done,  
I shall soon be done with a world like this,  
I shall then be crowned with immortal bliss.



Since our works are well begun,  
We will sing a song of the little stone;  
We will hang our harps on Zion's wall,  
From whence sweet strains of music fall.  
She shall be built, King David cried,  
Who sang of her with kingly pride.  
She shall be built on mountain high,  
With towering heights where eagles fly.  
Let Bethlehem's star light crown her steeple,  
The Lord reigns King, among his people.  
The stones rejoice and sing aloud,  
At sight of such a glorious crowd.  
Gathered from every distant isle,  
The face of the King doth on her smile,  
The Highway of Holiness built for her,  
Wherein wayfarers shall not err.  
Sing ye Daughters every one!  
Rejoice at Zion, each lofty stone!  
Lift up her gates, great King of Glory!  
While Angel Seraphs shout the story.

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Lo, what beauties we behold,  
A City trimmed and paved with gold;  
There Love will like a billow roll,  
When man shall meet his fellow soul.

The Tree of Life how wide 'tis spread,  
Where groom and bride alike are fed;  
Neither of them seek for power,  
Love reigns supreme in Eden's bower.

Scenes familiar as the grass,  
Where living millions sport,  
Will teach us wisdom as we pass,  
If we these lessons court.

Frail mortals seek some great account,  
When they would feign be wise;  
And leave the pure and holy fount,  
To fade before their eyes.

Priestcraft, Witchcraft never touch,  
All false traditions leave behind;  
Of prejudice don't have too much,  
If you intend the truth to find.

Spirits immortal watch each youth,  
While o'er life's seas they sail!  
If they perceive you seek the truth,  
They'll then withdraw the veil.

There you'll behold the fount of love,  
Wide spread before your eyes;  
Drink deep then, pure and holy dove,  
The fountain never dries.

For Angels play about the pool,  
A bright and glittering band;  
For love and harmony doth rule,  
Within the spirit land.

The following communication was written by a lady while in a trance state, with the request that it should be published in this work.

We are followers of that Jesus, who ate with the publicans and the sinners; who was not afraid that his garments would be soiled by coming in contact with those who were bound by the slavish chains of sin, who were asking—Who shall show us any good? We are followers of that Jesus who came to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.

We are now upon the eve of a new dispensation. A new era is bursting upon us. And behold! a new Heavens and a new Earth shall appear unto you. And there shall be signs in the Heavens above, and in the earth beneath; and thou shalt watch the signs of the times and verily, thou shalt see our prophecies fulfilled. A new Heavens and a new Earth shall appear, and the Son of Man shall work righteousness therein; and the seven Golden Candlesticks shall be removed out of their places, and the Great I Am, shall hold the Stars in his right hand, and His chosen people shall be gathered together from the four winds of Heaven; and Zion shall be built up, and shall flourish like the Green Bay Tree, and the Bow of promise shall be in the cloud which overshadoweth her.

And I beheld and saw the new Jerusalem, coming down out of Heaven, and the Son of Man coming in the clouds of Heaven with myriads of Angels. And I looked again, and beheld the great Wheel of Progress, which had come from the hand of the Infinite, and saw many spokes therein, the black ones extracted therefrom, and those clothed in the garb of snowy whiteness, with purity engraven upon their foreheads: for nothing unclean,

neither anything which defileth, or maketh a lie, shall enter within any Sacred Temple or dwell in all my Holy Mount, saith Jehovah. None but those who are shod with the Sandals of Salvation.

And I looked again, and beheld a Sea of Glory, and in the midst thereof, I saw a Book opened which was the Book of Life, and I saw the Angel write therein; these are they who worship before the Throne both night and day, who have come up out of great tribulation, who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. And I saw the Recording Angel with a Pen of Gold, and I heard him say unto me—Write these things, for thou art a Chosen Vessel of mercy unto the Lord, and a Priestess unto God, set apart to do His work, as He shall command thee. Go! preach the Everlasting Gospel of Jesus to those who are in Bondage. Thou shalt go whithersoever His Wisdom shall dictate and direct thee. And I looked again and behold, I saw the Mother of God, and the Son of God was with her as she walked through a Sea of Golden Light, as she walked in the midst of the Seven Golden Candlesticks, and behold a Scroll was in her right hand, and she said Whosoever is worthy may read the hidden mysteries thereof, and it shall no longer remain a Sealed Book unto them, and whosoever believeth will I give of the Cup of the Vine, and I will gather mine Elect from the four winds of Heaven, and from the uttermost parts of the Earth, and they shall be a Peculiar people unto me saith the Lord Jehovah, and I will put my mark in their foreheads, and they shall prophecy unto me, and I will pour out my Spirit upon them.

Bright waters now are gliding,  
Down Time's verdant glen,  
Kind spirits are providing,  
For the daughters fair of men.

The flowers are now entwining  
Love, by Time's limpid stream;  
Soon there'll be no repining,  
Life surely is no dream.

Bright hopes will soon be springing  
From Love's entwined wreath;  
And merry voices singing  
Along each floral heath.

Rich flowers are now unfolding  
Their petals toward the sky,  
Great minds are now remoulding  
Their memories for on high.

Ripe fruit you will be gathering,  
Beyond the shores of time;  
Thy flowers will there be blooming,  
Where love and music chime.



## THE WORLD IS RIPE ENOUGH.

The world is exactly ripe enough to reap immortal truth; yes, to receive the golden gem from the oldest man to youth. The world is ripe enough to build up Zion's wall, to gather every one that is good whether great or small, this world is ripe to gather in one hall. Spirits and angels let them come with influence for all: with love and light for all. The world is ripe enough liberal for to grow. To divide the wealth God has given us to all mortals here below. The world is ripe enough for wisdom's ways to spread; for every great aspiring mind with wisdom to be fed. This world is ripe enough through every land and nation, for every honest seeker to be filled with inspiration.

The world is exactly ripe enough for women all to vote, to drive intemperance from all homes by the sword of the petticoat. For Jesus to descend with glory from on high, to conquer death the dismal fiend, so mortals need not die. Then let us all shout victory throughout the universe, and sing the earth is ripe enough, let every one rehearse.

The world is ripe enough to call one grand convention, there vote down every fault that's big enough to mention. Let the angels all descend and join the Heavenly choir, since the earth is ripe enough, what more can man desire?

## DEATH.

Death indeed is but a birth,  
Born to light from this dark earth;  
Born in circles full of bliss,  
Far superior to this.

Unmanacled and freed from clay,  
Spirits in their circles play;  
Then return to friends on earth,  
To tell that death is but a birth.

Born to know that God is Love,  
Reigning in those realms above;  
We can watch our friends so dear,  
While travelling this earthly sphere.

We can mesmerize a friend,  
Sweet communion through him send  
To our friend, we've left behind,  
And becalm his troubled mind.

Drive dark clouds from earth away,  
Drink sweet light from endless day;  
Shout and sing ye sons of earth!  
Since death is nothing but a birth.



Thus endeth this Book of Progression,  
Let it go forth swift to the world;  
To the people of every profession,  
Let its precepts swiftly be hurled.









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